

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 17 and 24 have been amended, claims 26-43 have been canceled and new claims 44-59 have been added. Claims 1-25 and 44-59 are now pending in the application.

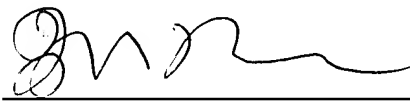
The amendments to the claims, and new claims 44-59, are supported at least by page 6, line 8 through page 18, line 19 of the application as originally filed. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims or by new claims 44-59. New claims 44-59 distinguish over the art of record and are allowable.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in the event that the next office action is one other than a Notice of Allowance. The undersigned is available during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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of Forming Capacitors, DRAM Arrays, And Monolithic Integrated
Circuits

37 CFR §1.121(b)(1)(iii) AND 37 CFR §1.121(c)(1)(ii)
FILING REQUIREMENTS TO ACCOMPANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Deletions are bracketed, additions are underlined.

In the Specification

The following paragraph was inserted at page 1, after the title:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This patent application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/765,510, filed on January 19, 2001, entitled
"Capacitors, DRAM Arrays, Monolithic Integrated Circuits, And Methods of
Forming Capacitors, DRAM Arrays, And Monolithic Integrated Circuits",
naming Kunal R. Parekh, John K. Zahurak and Phillip G. Wald as inventors,
which is a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.
08/887,742, filed on July 3, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,207,523.

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming a capacitor plate, forming a capacitor plate comprising:

forming a solid mass of silicon material within an opening formed over a [node location] doped region of a silicon substrate, the mass comprising two forms of silicon, the mass including undoped silicon in physical contact with the doped region; and

substantially selectively forming rugged polysilicon from one of the forms of silicon and not from [the other] another of the forms of silicon; and

forming a cell plate proximate the rugged polysilicon.

[forming a capacitor dielectric layer and a complementary capacitor plate proximate the rugged polysilicon.]

5. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming a solid mass of silicon material over a [node location] doped region of a silicon substrate, the mass comprising exposed doped silicon and exposed undoped silicon, and including undoped silicon in contact with the doped region;

substantially selectively forming rugged polysilicon from the exposed undoped silicon and not from the exposed doped silicon; and

forming a cell plate proximate the rugged polysilicon.

[forming a capacitor dielectric layer and a complementary capacitor plate proximate the rugged polysilicon and doped silicon.]

7. (Amended) The method of claim 5₁ further comprising conductively doping the undoped silicon after forming the rugged polysilicon.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 5₁ further comprising, after forming the rugged polysilicon, out-diffusing impurity from the doped silicon into the undoped silicon to conductively dope the undoped silicon.

11. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming an insulative layer over a [node location] doped region of a semiconductor substrate;

forming an opening through the insulative layer to the [node location] doped region

forming two forms of silicon within the opening, [the two forms of silicon together forming a capacitor storage node] the two forms of silicon including undoped silicon in contact with the doped region

exposing the two forms of silicon to common subsequent processing conditions which substantially selectively [forming] form rugged polysilicon from one of the exposed two forms of silicon and not from [the other] another of the exposed two forms of silicon; and

forming a cell plate proximate the storage node.

[forming a dielectric layer proximate the storage node; and
forming a cell plate layer proximate the dielectric layer.]

13. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming an insulative layer over a [node location] doped region on a semiconductor substrate;

forming an opening through the insulative layer to the [node location] doped region;

forming silicon material within the opening, the silicon material comprising doped silicon and undoped silicon and defining a capacitor storage node, a portion of the undoped silicon being in physical contact with the doped region;

removing a portion of the insulative layer to expose a sidewall surface of the storage node, the exposed sidewall surface comprising undoped silicon;

forming HSG from the undoped silicon of the exposed sidewall surface;
and

forming a cell plate proximate the storage node.

[forming a capacitor dielectric layer proximate the storage node; and
forming a complementary capacitor plate proximate the capacitor dielectric layer.]

17. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming an insulative layer over a [node location] doped region on a semiconductor substrate;

forming an opening through the insulative layer to the [node location] doped region;

forming an undoped silicon layer within the opening to narrow the opening, a portion of the undoped silicon contacting the doped region;

forming a doped silicon layer within the narrowed opening, the undoped silicon layer and doped silicon layer together defining a capacitor storage node; and

forming a cell plate proximate the storage node.

[forming a capacitor dielectric layer proximate the storage node; and

forming a complementary capacitor plate proximate the capacitor dielectric layer.]

24. (Amended) A method of forming a capacitor comprising the following steps:

forming an insulative layer over a [node location] doped region on a semiconductor substrate;

forming an opening through the insulative layer to the [node location] doped region;

forming a first undoped silicon layer within the opening to narrow the opening, a portion of the undoped silicon layer contacting the doped region;

forming a doped silicon layer within the narrowed opening to further narrow the opening;

forming a second undoped silicon layer within the further narrowed opening; the first undoped silicon layer, second undoped silicon layer and doped silicon layer together defining a capacitor storage node;

removing a portion of the insulative layer to expose a sidewall surface of the storage node comprising the first undoped silicon layer;

forming rugged polysilicon on the exposed sidewall surface; and forming a cell plate proximate the storage node.

[forming a dielectric layer proximate the storage node; and forming a cell plate layer proximate the dielectric layer.]

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